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WARPED FANCY CONJURE UP AN AWFUL IMAGE--OR WAS IT SOME GRIM SUPERNATURAL
BEING BENT ON VENGEANCE? SEE THE AWFUL ANSWER COME ALIVE IN--

DEATH DIVE



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ABOARD A TREASURE-HUNTING SHIP --

MAYBE THAT GALLEON
DID GO DOWN 200
YEARS AGO -- BUT I THINK
WE'VE FOUND IT, STEVE --
WITH ALL THAT GOLD!

IS MONEY ALL
YOU THINK ABOUT,
MURPH? WHERE'S
YOUR SPIRIT OF
ADVENTURE?

YOU CAN HAVE
ALL THE ADVENTURE
FOR THIS TEAM --
I'LL TAKE THE
DOUGH!

LET'S GET IT UP
FIRST! AS USUAL --
IT'LL BE AN EVEN
SPLIT!



LATER --

Days later, drawn by a peculiar restlessness, Murph paced the shore --

THEY EVEN BELIEVED ME WHEN I SAID THERE WASN'T ANY GOLD! I'LL COME BACK IN A FEW MONTHS. AN' IT'LL BE MINE!



OH, NO--NO! IT CAN'T BE-- STEVE! YOU'RE D--DEAD -- I KILLED YOU!



I-I WON'T LET IT GET ME--GOTTA GET AWAY--HELP!



PACKING FRANTICALLY, MURPH BOARDED A PLANE FOR KEY WEST

IT MUSTA BEEN MY IMAGINATION DEAD MEN DON'T COME BACK' SURE I WAS JUST NERVOUS



OH, GOOD HEAVENS, IT'S SEAWEED! NO--HE CAN'T BE HERE--





MURPH'S NERVE WAS COMPLETELY GONE
NOW! HE TURNED TO DRINK...

BUT WAS IT IMAGINATION THAT NIGHT... THE
CREAKING OF HIS DOOR...

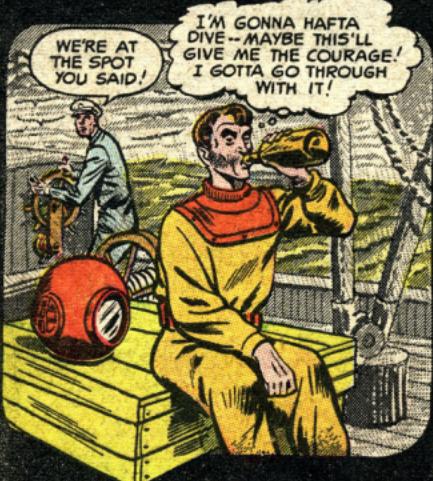


BUT MURPH'S LUCK HADN'T RUN OUT YET! HIS
INJURIES WERE MINOR...

WHEN HE EMERGED FROM THE HOSPITAL



BUT STILL HE DRANK TO DROWN OUT HIS FEAR--AND AS THE MONTHS PASSED--





WAS IT THE SKELETON OF THE MAN MURPH
HAD KILLED? AND HAD IT HAUNTED THE
SLAYER--LURING HIM FINALLY TO AN
AWFUL DEATH? FACT OR IMAGINA-
TION--WHICH?

WITCH at MIDNIGHT

WHEN ROBERT STEVENS was found with his throat torn asunder, it was obvious, the townspeople claimed, that Tom Andrews was the killer. For hadn't the two men fought over Sally Flint, who favored Tom? So Tom Andrews was jailed, but fearing the mounting feeling against him, managed to escape. No trace of him could be found...unless it was in the grim trail of murders that followed his jailbreak.

Old Henry Manners, the town's sole detective, was assigned the case. He studied the four murders carefully. In each case, a member of an old family, with death at Friday midnight from a mangled throat. And in each case, a large black cat had been observed in the neighborhood. In old Henry's estimation, it didn't add up to Tom Andrews...unless Tom had turned into a homicidal maniac. "You can't think that," moaned Sally. "Why, he's really broken up about all these deaths!"

Henry didn't say anything...just started piecing his facts together. Friday midnight...wasn't that the time when *supernatural* beings were at their most deadly? Probably nonsense...but how about that black cat? It seemed that he'd heard of such beasts...known as *familiars*...as the companions of witches! And so he visited the local library and searched among the archives for records of supernatural happenings. And what he found amazed him. In 1750, the town council had condemned one "Black Nan" as a dangerous witch. Before she was put to death, she swore that someday she would return, and avenge herself. And now, in 1954, *murder*...with the slain men descendants of members of that old town council!

The old documents also gave the location of Black Nan's grave. When Henry reached it, he knew at once that he was on the right track. For only recently,

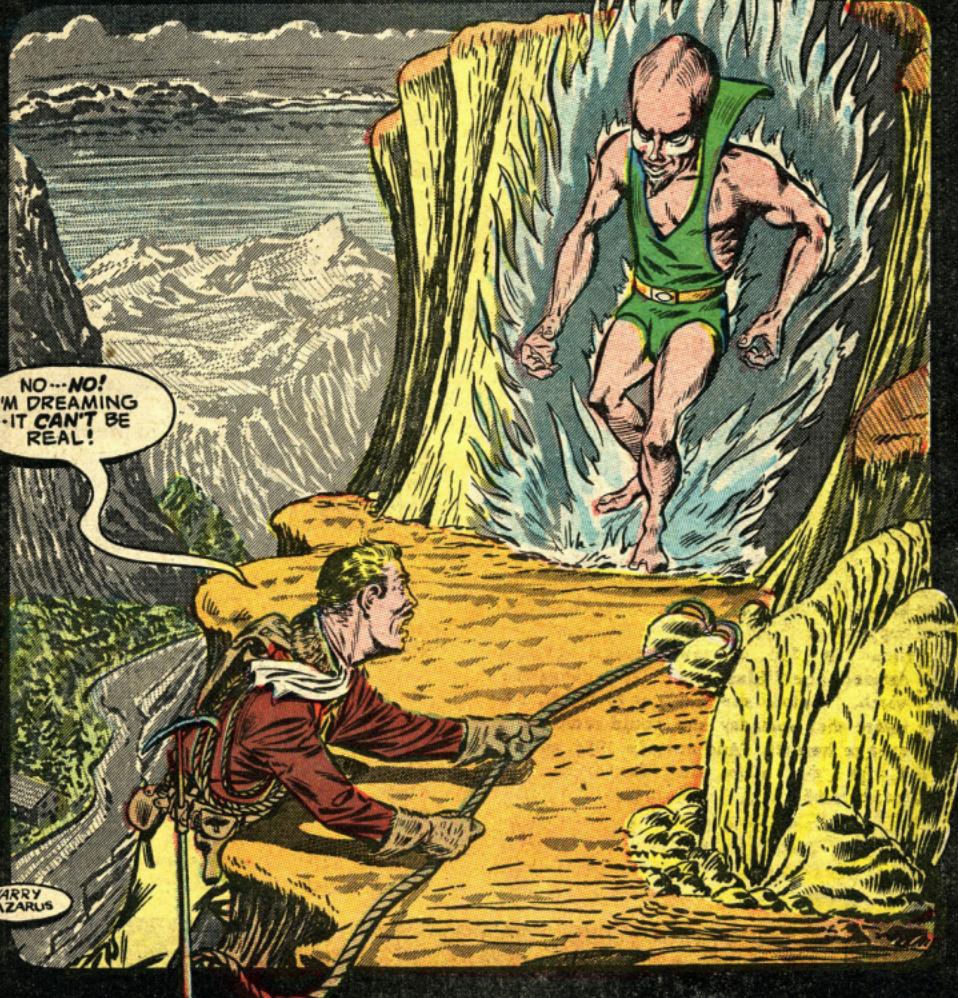
lightning had blasted it open...releasing its occupant for the awful revenge she sought! It put Henry in a tough spot. Not only did he have to convince the Chief of Police as to the guilty party, but he had to land a supernatural criminal! There was only one descendant of the old town council left, and Friday midnight was approaching. Doubtless he'd be the next victim! And so the Chief and Henry took up the vigil at Ed Green's house. As the long hours dragged on, nothing...until the stroke of midnight! It was then that a huge black cat stole out of the shadows and a cackling laugh announced Black Nan's presence. And there she was...ominous...evil...the light of death in her eyes! "Good heavens!" gasped the Chief. "You can't stop...*that*!"

But Henry could! Ancient witchcraft lore had given him the answer...a sprig of churchyard ivy from hallowed ground. As he extended it towards the witch, she gasped, then retreated, the black cat staying close to her. Once outside, however, she summoned all of her powers, and, swelling to giant proportions, surged forward. It was then that Henry Manners used *modern* magic...a thrown stick of dynamite that exploded in a mighty roar, blowing the witch and cat to smithereens!

There wasn't enough left of Black Nan ever to return. As for Sally Flint, she was tearful in her thanks, now that Tom, her sweetheart, was cleared. "I...I've got a confession to make to you," she faltered, but old Henry only laughed. "If you're going to tell me that you've been hiding Tom in your house ever since he escaped from jail," he chuckled, "I knew that all the time! You gave it away...when you told me how broken up he was about deaths that occurred *after* his jailbreak!"

IT WAS A MIRACLE THAT BROUGHT HIM INTO THIS STRANGE AND TERRIFYING LAND
... WITH ITS PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE! BUT HE DIDN'T KNOW THAT THE MIRACLE
COULD BACKFIRE... NOR OF THE DEADLY MENACE THAT LURKED WITHIN

THE BLUE FLAME



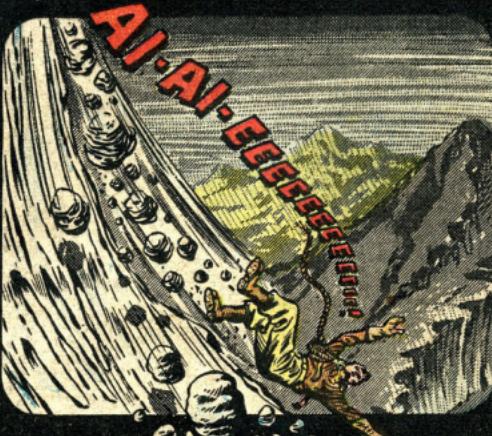
ON THE SHEER SIDE OF AN UNEXPLORED HIMALAYA PEAK...



YOU'RE NOT HOLDING ME BACK! I'LL MAKE IT...AND I'LL BE THE FIRST TO DO IT!



ON AND ON CARTER PUSHED ALONE ...UNTIL...



IT WAS HOURS LATER THAT HE AWOKE TO PAIN-WRACKED CONSCIOUSNESS...

OUT OF THE WHIRLING SNOW--A STRANGE, NIGHTMARE FIGURE...



FEAR NOT, MORTAL! I HAVE COME FROM THE VALLEY OF THE BLUE FLAME...TO SAVE YOU.'

IS...IS THIS DELIRIUM...OR... WHAT SORT OF CREATURE ARE YOU?





UPWARD, UPWARD THROUGH THE RAGING STORM ... UNTIL...



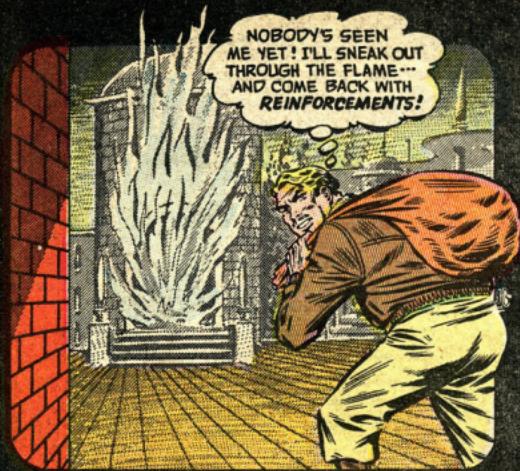
FEARFULLY, CARTER STEPPED INTO THE ROARING FLAME ... ONLY TO FIND...

THROUGH THE FIERY WALL! AND JUST BEYOND IT...



BEFORE THEM A STRANGE AND BEAUTIFUL CITY...A WEIRD AND WELCOMING POPULACE...





EDITOR



HERE WE ARE again! It's another month...another issue...another chance to talk things over with our friends and supporters, the loyal fans of "Adventures Into The Unknown"!

We'd like to tell you more, at this session, about our great new "Truevision" process which has every town talking from Maine to California. We developed this process, and it's exclusively our own. Chalk it up as another "first" for the publishers of "Adventures Into The Unknown", who were the first ever to bring to readers an all-supernatural comics magazine. Now we have pioneered with "Truevision" because we know that the public is deeply interested in 3-dimensional pictorial representation. Until our process appeared, all that was available for readers were distorted, hard-to-grasp material which required the use of glasses and frequently involved considerable eyestrain. In contrast to this awkward and unwieldy system, "Truevision" brings to comics readers a brand-new and entirely different medium which possesses a thrilling and lifelike 3-dimension effect...

without glasses! An ingenious chemical-mechanical process, it makes possible pictures that seem to live and breathe... stories in full, glowing color...a magazine you'll never forget!

You'll find "Truevision" pervading this issue. You'll see it in "When Night Falls", an actionful thriller that seems virtually to leap from the pages. "The Blue Flame" will rocket you into a brand new world of strange, eerie adventure. "The Death Dive" tells of a supernatural vengeance that you'll watch happening before your eyes! And "The Witch Hunter", vibrant and living, will chill you from beginning to end!

We hope that you'll like this star-studded issue, and that you'll write and tell us your opinions. They carry a lot of weight with us...as a matter of fact, it was the reactions of our readers which gave us the go-ahead on "Truevision"! Address your letter to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown", 45 West 45 Street, New York 36, N. Y. And now let's see what some of our other readers are saying!

"Dear Editor:

I'm a 3-D fan...never see any but 3-D movies or read any but 3-D comics, even though they charge a whole quarter for them. The other day, I picked up a copy of "Adventures Into The Unknown", which advertised "Truevision"...no glasses, and only 10 cents! Believe it or not, I found your magazine to be a more realistic supernatural comic than other 3-D comics with glasses! Your "Truevision" story, "Nightmare", was great! That's why I'm enclosing a check for \$1.20. Please enroll me for a year's subscription to "Adventures Into The Unknown" with "Truevision" features. Thanks loads!

--Dan Bates, Jr., Dallas, Texas"

"Dear Editor:

We just want to offer our sincere thanks and congratulations for your wonderful portrayal of "Truevision". Keep the good work coming our way!

--Shirley, Peggy, Joe, Mary, Esther, George and Nita, Struthers, Ohio"

"Dear Editor:

I've just finished "Nightmare" in your 3-D effect, and think it was great. If you can make the whole of "Adventures Into The Unknown" in "Truevision", that would be something to see!

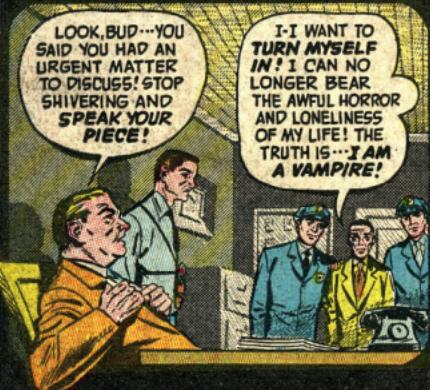
--H. Peacock, Bronx, New York"

MOST CRIMES ARE COMMITTED AT NIGHT...AND THE NIGHT SHELTERS THUGS, BANDITS, COLD-BLOODED KILLERS! BUT THERE IS ANOTHER EVIL, MOST TERRIFYING OF ALL, WHOSE AWFUL CAREER BEGINS...

WHEN NIGHT FALLS

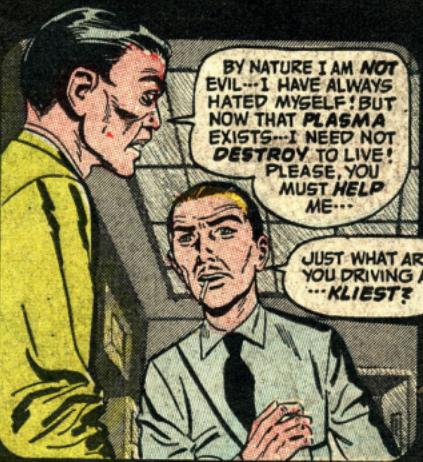


NEW YORK...A POLICE STATION PRECINCT...



I WANT TO TURN MYSELF IN! I CAN NO LONGER BEAR THE AWFUL HORROR AND LONELINESS OF MY LIFE! THE TRUTH IS...I AM A VAMPIRE!









FREED FROM THE HORRIBLE NIGHTLY DESTINY OF VAMPIRES, Kliest WAS ABLE TO DISCOVER THE WORLD OF BOOKS AND MUSIC! TIME PASSED PLEASANTLY...



MONTHS PASSED---JOCKO AND THE CHIEF GROWING EVER RICHER! THEN...



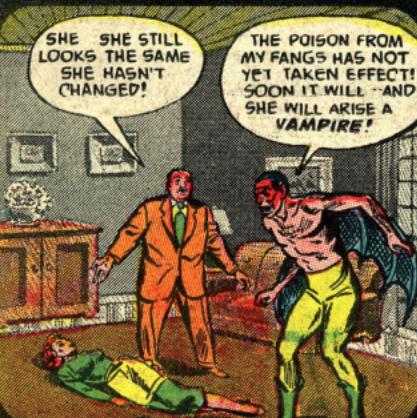


IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, THE CHIEF NOTICED KLIEST'S INCREASING UNHAPPINESS ! THINKING TO CHEER HIM...



FOR A LONG TIME KLIEST WATCHED ANNIE CLOSELY ! WHEN HE WAS SURE SHE DID CARE FOR HIM...





ANNIE WAITED TILL ALL WAS DARK AND QUIET IN THE HOUSE! THEN...

IT WAS THE BEAT OF HUGE WINGS WHICH WOKE THE RESTLESS CHIEF...

THEY ARE BOTH...ASLEEP! AND NOW...I SHALL HAVE REVENGE! FOR THIS WORK...MY WINGS WILL HELP!

THAT YOU KLIEST? WHAT ARE YOU... ANNIE!

YES...ANNIE! AND I BRING YOU...DEATH!



DELIBERATELY, ANNIE PROCEEDED TO HER REMAINING WORK...

SHE FOUND HIM STILL ASLEEP...



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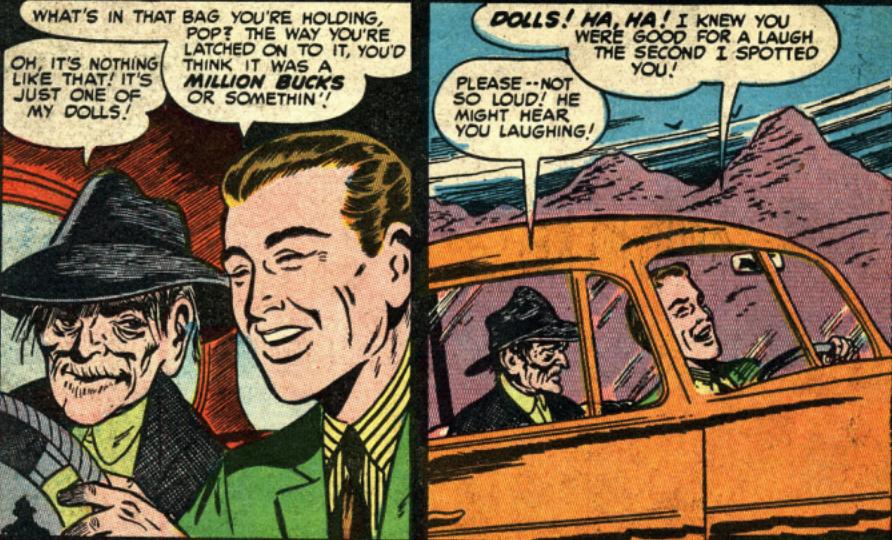
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The SECRET

THE LONELY HIGHWAY WAS NO PLACE TO STOP FOR A HITCHHIKER! JIM PHELPS LEARNED THAT THE HARD WAY WHEN THE SUPERNATURAL CAME ALIVE--AND THE HORROR OF AN AWFUL REALIZATION CAME TOO LATE!

HOW ABOUT IT, POP, WANT A LIFT?

I WAS HOPING SOMEONE WOULD PASS THIS WAY! YOU'RE VERY KIND!



NOW LOOK, POP, I DON'T GO FOR THIS LOONEY STUFF! MAYBE YOU'D BETTER HOP OUT AN' GRAB YOURSELF ANOTHER RIDE!

BUT IT'S TRUE! MY DOLLS CAN HEAR-- AND TALK, TOO! I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU!

THEN--AMAZINGLY--

WHAT WAS ALL THAT LAUGHING ABOUT? WAS SOMEONE MAKING FUN OF ME?

HOLY COW! IT'S-- TRUE!

I-I HEARD IT WITH MY OWN EARS! YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE POP! THE BIGGEST THING EVER! ER-- HOW MANY DO YOU HAVE?

A HOUSE FULL OF 'EM-- SOME LIFE SIZE-- AN' WORTH SEEING!



WE'RE GOIN' TO YOUR PLACE RIGHT NOW, POP! I WANNA SEE EVERYONE YOU GOT!

IT'LL BE A PLEASURE! WE CAN GO RIGHT NOW-- IT'S NOT FAR!

WELL-- HERE WE ARE! YOU'RE-- ER-- SURE YOU WANT TO COME IN?

THERE'S NOTHIN' COULD KEEP ME OUT! I WANNA SEE THOSE DOLLS!



I'VE GOT A NEW ONE OVER HERE IN MY WORKSHOP! LIKE TO SEE?

HE MUST HAVE SOME GIMMICK THAT MAKES THESE DOLLS SO LIFE-LIKE. I'LL FIND OUT WHAT MAKES 'EM TICK OR BUST!

I'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS ONE FOR TWO MONTHS! ALMOST HAD HIM GOING LIKE THE OTHERS, BUT THE MECHANISM BROKE DOWN!

THIS..ER..MECHANISM, POP! GUESS IT'S KIND OF A SECRET, EH?

I WOULDN'T SAY THAT! I GUESS IT'S JUST THE WAY I PUT IT TO WORK THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE!

THE MECHANISM THAT BROKE DOWN-- YOU DON'T HAPPEN TO HAVE IT AROUND, DO YOU?

WHY, SURE! I CHUCKED IT OVER IN THAT TUB! YOU CAN LOOK AT IT IF YOU WANT TO!

YEAH... I SURE DO!

I SURE... NO! IT'S A HEART... A HUMAN HEART!

SO THAT'S HOW YOUR DOLLS WORK! YOU USE HUMAN HEARTS! WHERE DO YOU GET THEM?

IT'S EASY...

--ALL I DO IS STAND ON THE HIGHWAY AND WAIT FOR SOME FOOL TO GIVE ME A LIFT!

AH EEEEEE!

THE END

LIKE A VULTURE SEEKING ITS PREY, OLD LUPO STALKED THE STREETS OF ANCIENT LOMBARDY--AND MEN TREMBLED AT HIS APPROACH! DEATH STALKED IN HIS SHADOW--UNTIL FATE REACHED OUT FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE TO WRITE THE GHASTLY FINISH TO THE STORY OF--

THE WITCH HUNTER



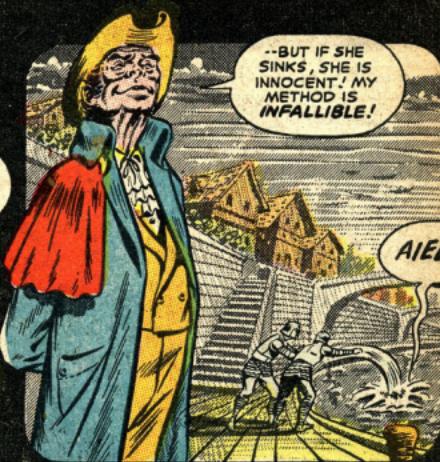
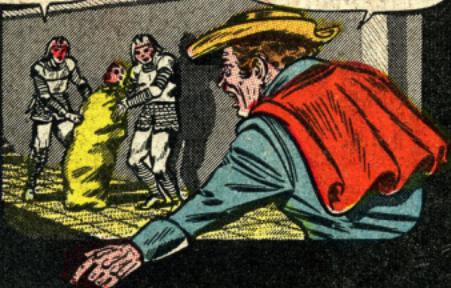
THIS WAS A TYPICAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF LUPO VOLPE - THE WITCH HUNTER!

IT IS DONE, SIGNOR VOLPE! THE ACCUSED WOMAN IS TIED IN THE SACK!

GOOD--THROW HER IN THE RIVER! IF SHE FLOATS, SHE IS SO EVIL A WITCH THAT EVEN THE RIVER REJECTS HER!

--BUT IF SHE SINKS, SHE IS INNOCENT! MY METHOD IS INFALLIBLE!

AIEEE!



AS USUAL -- IT ENDED WITH THE INNOCENT VICTIM AT THE RIVER BOTTOM!

YES, FOR YEARS OLD LUPO HAD PREYED ON SUPERSTITION TO ROB AND TERRORIZE THE POPULACE --

AM, WELL -- AT LEAST SHE DIED INNOCENT! ER-- OF COURSE, HER PROPERTY WILL GO TO PAY MY FEE AS OFFICIAL WITCH HUNTER!

OF COURSE, SIGNOR VOLPE!



IT WAS BITTER IRONY THAT TURNED THE OLD MAN'S EYES TOWARDS LOVELY, YOUTHFUL ANGELA MORI--

YOUR DAUGHTER IS BEAUTIFUL-- AND I AM LONELY! I MAY DO HER THE HONOR OF MAKING HER MY WIFE, PIETRO!

BUT YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO BE HER GRANDFATHER! NO, SIGNOR VOLPE-- I REFUSE!

YOU'LL PAY A BITTER PRICE FOR YOUR REFUSAL, PIETRO! JUST WAIT AND SEE!

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR THREATS-- YOU CAN'T HAVE MY DAUGHTER!



BUT THEY FEARED LUPO VOLPE'S POWER--
SO THAT NIGHT--

AND SO ANGELA VANISHED INTO THE STORM!
BUT A FEW MILES AWAY--



THEY DIDN'T FIND ANGELA'S BODY, AND NONE
KNEW OF HER FATE! BUT WITHIN WEEKS--LUPO
HAD HIS REVENGE!





FOR MONTHS, OLD LUPO'S MEN SEARCHED THE
PROVINCE--BUT IN VAIN! THEN, FINALLY--ONE DAY--





SUDDENLY--A HOLLOW KNOCKING!



AROUND, AROUND--AND EVEN AS THE CIRLING
SPIDER ENDED HIS WEIRD TASK, ANGELA TOUCHED
OLD LUPO--TOUCHED HIM WITH DEATH'S HAND--

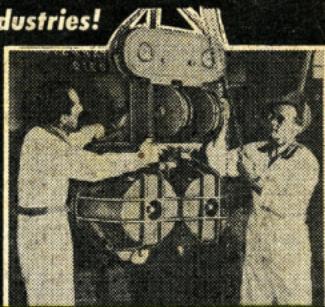


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- 2 clear built-in buzzers
- 2-metal wall brackets
- 4 convenient wire nuts
- 50 feet DOHBLE wire
- 2 lasting "C" Batteries

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TWICE AS GOOD AS YOU EXPECTED!]



USE THE ZIMPHONE EVERYWHERE! COMPACT! STURDY! EASY!



SHOPS! FACTORIES!

ROOM TO ROOM!

USE ONE MILE!

INSTALL ANTENNA!



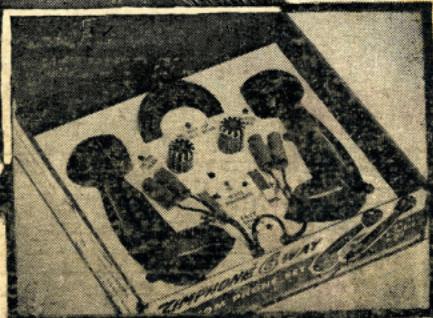
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FROM SICK ROOM!

TRAILERS! CAMPS!

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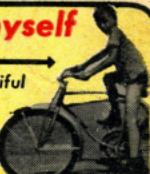
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SHRIMP**



to
this

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RED-BLOODED
HEAD-TO-TOE
HE-MAN!**

I just

**GAINED
35 NEW LBS.
OF SHAPELY POWER-PACKED
MUSCLES!**

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You can add 10 inches to your **CHEST**
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